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On the first page of the Specification, before the heading "FIELD OF INVENTION," please insert the following paragraph:

This application claims priority to International Application Serial No. PCT/US00/20991 which was filed on August 2, 2000 and claims the benefit under 35 USC § 119(e) of the priority date of U.S. 60/119,564 dated 02/10/1999 and U.S. 60/131,522 dated 04/29/1999.

Please insert, at the end of the application, on a separate sheet, the following abstract of the disclosure:

ABSTRACT

Laundry detergent compositions containing one or more low density expandable particles selected from microspheres, cavity-forming components, pore-forming components, and mixtures thereof, and one or more non-enzyme comprising laundry adjunct ingredients in the form of a particulate solid; wherein said exponible microsphere when expanded has a density of less than 0.4 g/mL; and wherein said low density particles comprise a polymer selected from the group consisting of polyacrylonitrile, polymethacrylonitrile, and mixtures thereof. Methods for stabilizing a liquid laundry detergent composition from separating into a bilayer using such particles.